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Ashkenazi et al.

Serial No.: 09/997,440

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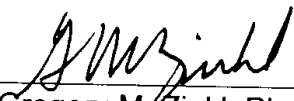
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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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